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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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JOSEPH SRIKISHUN,

Plaintiff,

ANSWER

-against-

Index No.: 08 CV 00998 (CLB)

THE CITY OF YONKERS, P.O. "JOHN"
CAROZZA, and P.O.'s JOHN AND JANE DOE
1-10, individually and in their official capacities,
(the names John and Jane Doe being fictitious, as
the true names are presently unknown),

Defendants.

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Defendants, THE CITY OF YONKERS and P.O. "JOHN" CAROZZA, by their
attorney, Frank J. Rubino, Corporation Counsel of the City of Yonkers, as and for its
Answer to the Complaint respectfully allege as follows:

FIRST: Deny the allegations set forth in paragraphs "1", "2", "3", "4" and "5" of
the Complaint, except those portions containing conclusions of law which accordingly
require no response; and except admit that Plaintiff purports to proceed as stated therein.

SECOND: Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
truth of any of the allegations set forth in the paragraphs designated "6", "13" and "15" of
the Verified Complaint.

THIRD: Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of any of the allegations set forth in the paragraph designated “8” of the Verified Complaint and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court; and except admit that the City of Yonkers has a Police Department.

FOURTH: Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of any of the allegations set forth in the paragraph designated “9” of the Verified Complaint, except admit that there is a Police Officer Ralph Carozza (Shield #954) employed by the City of Yonkers in the City of Yonkers Police Department.

FIFTH: Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of any of the allegations set forth in the paragraph designated “10” of the Verified Complaint, except those conclusions of law which accordingly require no response.

SIXTH: Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of any of the allegations set forth in the paragraphs designated “11” and “12” of the Verified Complaint and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

SEVENTH: Denies upon information and belief, each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs designated “14”, “17”, “18” and “19” of the Verified Complaint.

EIGHTH: Denies upon information and belief, each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs designated “16” and “20” of the Verified Complaint and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

ANSWERING THE FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

NINTH: Defendants repeat and reiterate each and every admission and denial heretofore interposed with respect to the paragraph re-alleged in the paragraph designated

“21” of the Verified Complaint with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein at length.

TENTH: Denies upon information and belief, each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs designated “22”, “23”, “24”, “25” and “26” of the Verified Complaint and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

ANSWERING THE SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

ELEVENTH: Defendants repeat and reiterate each and every admission and denial heretofore interposed with respect to the paragraph re-alleged in the paragraph designated “27” of the Verified Complaint with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein at length.

TWELFTH: Denies upon information and belief, each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs designated “28” and “29” of the Verified Complaint and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

ANSWERING THE THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

THIRTEENTH: Defendants repeat and reiterate each and every admission and denial heretofore interposed with respect to the paragraph re-alleged in the paragraph designated “30” of the Verified Complaint with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein at length.

FOURTEENTH: Denies upon information and belief, each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs designated “31”, “32” and “33” of the Verified Complaint and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

ANSWERING THE FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

FIFTEENTH: Defendants repeat and reiterate each and every admission and denial heretofore interposed with respect to the paragraph re-alleged in the paragraph designated “34” of the Verified Complaint with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein at length.

SIXTEENTH: Denies upon information and belief, each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs designated “35”, “36”, “37”, “38”, “39”, “40”, “41”, “42”, “43”, “44a”, “44b”, “44c” and “45” of the Verified Complaint and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

ANSWERING PENDANT STATE CLAIMS

SEVENTEENTH: Defendants repeat and reiterate each and every admission and denial heretofore interposed with respect to the paragraph re-alleged in the paragraph designated “46” of the Verified Complaint with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein at length.

EIGHTEENTH: Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of any of the allegations set forth in the paragraph designated “47” of the Verified Complaint except admit that a paper purporting to be a Notice of Claim was received on or about January 10, 2007 and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

NINETEENTH: Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of any of the allegations set forth in the paragraphs designated “50”, “51” and “52” of the Verified Complaint and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

ANSWERING THE FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF UNDER N.Y. STATE LAW

TWENTIETH: Defendants repeat and reiterate each and every admission and denial heretofore interposed with respect to the paragraph re-alleged in the paragraph designated “53” of the Verified Complaint with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein at length.

TWENTY-FIRST: Denies upon information and belief, each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs designated “54” and “55” of the Verified Complaint and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

ANSWERING THE SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF UNDER N.Y. STATE LAW

TWENTY-SECOND: Defendants repeat and reiterate each and every admission and denial heretofore interposed with respect to the paragraph re-alleged in the paragraph designated “56” of the Verified Complaint with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein at length.

TWENTY-THIRD: Denies upon information and belief, each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs designated “57”, “58” and “59” of the Verified Complaint and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

ANSWERING THE THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF UNDER N.Y. STATE LAW

TWENTY-FOURTH: Defendants repeat and reiterate each and every admission and denial heretofore interposed with respect to the paragraph re-alleged in the paragraph designated “60” of the Verified Complaint with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein at length.

TWENTY-FIFTH: Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of any of the allegations set forth in the paragraph(s) designated “61” of the Verified Complaint.

TWENTY-SIXTH: Denies upon information and belief, each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs designated “62” of the Verified Complaint and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

ANSWERING THE FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF UNDER N.Y. STATE LAW

TWENTY-SEVENTH: Defendants repeat and reiterate each and every admission and denial heretofore interposed with respect to the paragraph re-alleged in the paragraph designated “63” of the Verified Complaint with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein at length.

TWENTY-EIGHTH: Denies upon information and belief, each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs designated “64”, “65”, “66”, “67” and “68” of the Verified Complaint and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

ANSWERING THE FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF UNDER N.Y. STATE LAW

TWENTY-NINTH: Defendants repeat and reiterate each and every admission and denial heretofore interposed with respect to the paragraph re-alleged in the paragraph designated “69” of the Verified Complaint with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein at length.

THIRTIETH: Denies upon information and belief, each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs designated “70” and “71” of the Verified Complaint and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

ANSWERING THE SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF UNDER N.Y. STATE LAW

THIRTY-FIRST: Defendants repeat and reiterate each and every admission and denial heretofore interposed with respect to the paragraph re-alleged in the paragraph designated "72" of the Verified Complaint with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein at length.

THIRTY-SECOND: Denies upon information and belief, each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs designated "73" and "74" of the Verified Complaint and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

THIRTY-THIRD: Deny all allegations in the "Wherefore" portion of the Complaint, except those conclusions of law which accordingly require no response; and except admit that Plaintiff purports to proceed as stated therein.

AS AND FOR A FIRST DEFENSE:

THIRTY-FOURTH: The complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

AS AND FOR A SECOND DEFENSE:

THIRTY-FIFTH: Defendants' actions were in good faith and good cause including, but not limited to, legitimate, rational, and appropriate governmental interests.

AS AND FOR A THIRD DEFENSE:

THIRTY-SIXTH: Injuries and damages to the Plaintiff were caused in whole or in part or were contributed to by the culpable conduct and want of care on the part of Plaintiff.

AS AND FOR A FOURTH DEFENSE:

THIRTY-SEVENTH: At all times relevant to the Complaint, Defendants have been in compliance with all requirements under the laws cited by the Complaint.

AS AND FOR A FIFTH DEFENSE:

THIRTY-EIGHTH: That if any physical force was used to effect the arrest of the Plaintiff, only such physical force was used to the extent it was reasonably believed to be necessary to effect the arrest of the plaintiff, whom the arresting officer reasonably believed to have committed an offense.

AS AND FOR A SIXTH DEFENSE:

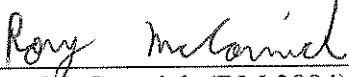
THIRTY-NINTH: That the plaintiff's arrest and prosecution were not effectuated falsely, maliciously or without probable cause. On the contrary, there was reasonable and just cause for believing the Plaintiff guilty of a criminal act and in arresting and prosecuting the Plaintiff, the Defendant, CITY OF YONKERS, was not actuated by malice nor were any of its agents, servants and/or employees so actuated.

AS AND FOR A SEVENTH DEFENSE:

FORTIETH: The individual defendant is entitled to the defense of qualified immunity.

Dated: March 5, 2008
Yonkers, New York

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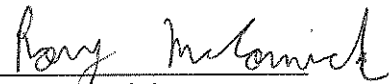
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 5, 2008 I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing ANSWER to be served by mail upon:

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Dated: March 5, 2008
Yonkers, New York



Rory McCormick